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SUBJECT: U. S. CUSTOMS CCINC NARCOTICS DETECTOR DOG PROGRAM
FOR CUSTOMS ATTACHE, ROME

1. AS YOU KNOW, U. S. COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS VERNON D. ACREE RECENTLY VISITED DR. KEMAL TARABAR, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF YUGOSLAV CUSTOMS. DURING HIS VISIT, DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD ON VARIOUS MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN TO OUR CUSTOMS SERVICES. IN PARTICULAR, THE U. S. CUSTOMS DETECTOR DOG PROGRAM WAS DISCUSSED.

2. IN THIS REGARD, IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE EMBASSY INQUIRE AS TO WHAT THE YUGOSLAV CUSTOMS REQUIREMENTS ARE
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IN THE AREA OF DETECTOR DOG ACTIVITIES SO THAT U. S.

CUSTOMS CAN DETERMINE WHAT TYPE OF TRAINING PROGRAM COULD BE OFFERED.

3. U. S. CUSTOMS CURRENTLY OFFERS TWO TYPES OF NARCOTIC DETECTOR DOG TRAINING. A THREE-WEEK COURSE IS OFFERED FOR PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE IN THE TRAINING OF DOG HANDLERS. IDEALLY THEY SHOULD CURRENTLY BE INVOLVED IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF AN ONGOING TRAINING PROGRAM. NOTE THAT DOG PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION EXPERIENCE IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR TRAINING AND HANDLING EXPERIENCE. THESE PARTICIPANTS

CAN BE FROM CUSTOM, POLICE AND OTHER ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OR FROM EXISTING MILITARY DOG PROGRAMS. THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THIS TRAINING IS TO EQUIP THE PARTICIPANTS WITH KNOWLEDGE AND ATTITUDES WHICH WILL ALLOW THEM TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN SUCCESSFUL NARCOTICS DOG TRAINING PROGRAM.

4. EXAMPLES OF SUBJECTS INCLUDED IN THE THREE-WEEK COURSE ARE: PSYCHOLOGY OF NARCOTICS DOG TRAINING, ANIMAL PROCUREMENT, DOG AND TRAINER EVALUATION, HEALTH AND VETERINARY PROBLEMS, EVALUATION OF TRAINER PROGRAMS, DOG UTILIZATION, KENNEL MANAGEMENT, AND FIELD UNIT ORGANIZATION AND SUPERVISION. THESE COURSES ARE AVAILABLE IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, L 1977.

5. CUSTOMS ALSO OFFER A 14 WEEK PROGRAM FOR NARCOTICS DETECTOR DOG HANDLERS. THIS COURSE IS FOR PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO THEIR COUNTRIES AS HANDLERS. CUSTOMS PROVIDES THE GRADUATING STUDENT WITH A NARCOTICS DETECTOR DOG WHICH BECOMES THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTICIPANT'S AGENCY. THE AVAILABILITY OF THESE COURSES ARE VERY LIMITED DUE TO U. S. CUSTOMS COMMITMENT TO SATISFYING ITS OWN NEEDS FIRST.

6. SLUG ALL REPLIES TO ALLSHOUSE, INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS U. S. CUSTOMS SERVICE. ROBINSON

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